

In the Claims:Amend the Clams as follows:

B1 *sub C7* 1. (Amended) Process for the production of surface-finished paper or board (B_w), characterized in that an aqueous solution (L_w) of a surface-finishing active ingredient (W) is applied to a hydrophilic paper or board sheet (B),
in which (W) consists of
(W_1) polyethylene glycol with an average molecular weight \bar{M}_w of > 1500
or of (W_1) and at least one further additive which is a further finishing additive and/or a formulation additive,
and the paper or board sheet surface-treated with (L_w) is fed through smoothing rolls and dried.

B2 *sub C7* 3. (Twice Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that (L_w) contains at least one non-finishing formulation additive (F).

B3 *sub C7* 7. (Amended) Surface finishing agent for paper or board which is a solution (L_w) as defined in Claim 12, wherein (F) is (F_1) which is selected from,
(F_{11}) antifoams
and (F_{12}) agents for protecting against the damaging effect of microorganisms,
and with a (W_1)-content in the range of 0.1 to 20 %.

B4 *sub C7* 11. (Twice Amended) Process for the production of graphically processed paper or board by application of at least one graphic ink pattern to a substrate of paper or board, and drying, characterized in that the substrate used for this purpose is surface-finished paper (B_w) or surface-finished board (B_w) according to Claim 9.

Add new claims 12-14 as follows:

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12. Process according to Claims 1, characterized in that (L_w) essentially consists of (W) and water and at least one non-finihing formulation additive (F).

13. Process according to Claims 1, wherein (W) consists of (W₁) and at least one further finishing additive.

14. Process according to Claims 1, wherein (W) consists of (W₁) and a formulation additive.

15. Process according to Claims 1, wherein (W) consists of (W₁) and both a further finishing additive and a formulation additive.

16. Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the further aditives are selected from finishing additives (W₂) and (W₃) and/or formulation additives (W₄), in which

(W₂) is at least one dye and/or optical brightener,

(W₃) is at least one wet strength additive

and (W₄) is at least one agent for pH adjustment.

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